

***IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE***

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Title: **PRODUCTION OF PLANTS HAVING IMPROVED ROOTING  
EFFICIENCY AND VASE LIFE USING STRESS-RESISTANCE GENE**

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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Non-Final Office Action dated July 17, 2008, concerning the above-referenced patent application. By virtue of the accompanying Petition for Extension of Time and payment of the prescribed fees, this response is timely filed on or before January 17, 2009.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this document.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this document.